

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

The abstract has been objected to as not being drawn to the claimed invention.

Claims 21-32 are considered in the Office Action.

Claims 21-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stokes U.S. Patent No. 5,881,209 (“Stokes”).

Reply

Applicant has amended independent claims 21 and 27 to more particularly describe the invention. Independent claims 21 and 27 recite methods for calibrating and for creating a calibration lookup table for a virtual printer that includes a plurality of color marking engines, wherein each color marking engine is adapted to receive raster image data from a single raster image processor and to generate a multi-color output image.

Stokes does not describe the claimed invention. Stokes describes systems and methods for generating printer profiles for individual printers, but does not describe or suggest anything regarding calibrating a virtual printer that includes a plurality of color marking engines, wherein each color marking engine is adapted to generate a multi-color output image.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the § 102(b) rejections of claims 21 and 27. Further, because claims 22-26 and 28-32 depend from claims 21 and 27, respectively, applicant also respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the § 102(b) rejections of claims 22-26 and 28-32.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicant submits that this application, including claims 21-32, is allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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